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Over 70 percent of Los Angeles County's residents are 18 years of age or older and many of these residents are at risk for serious diseases such as influenza (flu), pneumonia, mumps, hepatitis A and B, tetanus, diphtheria, and varicella; and each year, flu and its complications kill an average of 36,000 people, 90 percent of whom are elderly or adults with chronic medical conditions. It has also been shown that unvaccinated healthcare workers can be a leading cause of outbreaks in healthcare facilities, long-term care homes, and rehabilitation centers. The direct and indirect medical costs of unvaccinated adults can reach up to 12 billion dollars causing increased demand on our resources and health care delivery systems.

There are vaccines available to prevent these diseases; however, many Los Angeles County adult residents have not received these immunizations and remain unprotected from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County, hereby proclaims the week of September 25 – October 1, 2005, as "National Adult Immunization Awareness Week", and requests the support of all County residents and organizations to inform adult residents of the need to receive all recommended vaccines.

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